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Gingrich Unhurt In Plane Mishap

A jet carrying House Speaker Newt Gingrich (R-Ga.), his wife and two bodyguards collided with two geese on takeoff from a small Michigan airport yesterday and the plane slid off the end of the runway after the pilot aborted the takeoff.

No one aboard was injured, a Federal Aviation Administration spokeswoman said.

She said the plane was taking off from the Mackinac Island airport at 4:50 p.m. when one goose was sucked into the right engine and another hit the left wing. The plane was below takeoff speed, but the pilot was unable to stop before running about 30 feet beyond the runway.